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I. AUTHORITY

This report reflects the major activities of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications for the Fiscal Year 1961 as authorized and directed by DCID 2/5 dated 24 April 1958.

II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

A. General Availability of Foreign Publications. The volume of books and monographs received from Moscow has doubled this fiscal year. Receipt of Soviet newspapers remained fairly stable; periodical titles showed an increase of about twenty-five titles. Included in the receipts were six Soviet military journals denied for subscription in previous years. The total number of serial titles being received is slightly in excess of one thousand individual titles. A Want List of Soviet items critically needed has been compiled on behalf of the Committee and distributed for action. Chinese Communist publications are considered separately in paragraph III a. below.

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Receipts from the countries of Eastern Europe remained fairly stable. The reopening of the U.S. Legation at Sofia has eased the need of procuring regular Bulgarian publications through secondary channels.

Publication receipts from the Free World remained constant. Key posts in this area, particularly London, Paris, Berlin, Cairo, New Delhi, and Tokyo continued to provide special support to the collection of Sino-Soviet bloc publications.

B. Moscow Single Fund. For Fiscal Year 1961, a single fund of \$71,000 for the procurement of publications through U.S. Embassy Moscow was established with the following agencies participating: State, CIA, NSA, USIA, Library of Congress, Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, and Labor, Army May Service, and the National Library of Medicine. The program has permitted greater flexibility in reporting by the Publications Procurement Officer and has released him from fiscal reporting burdens, making him more available for actual procurement. Although the program has relieved this fiscal reporting burden at Moscow, the burden has been transferred to the Washington receiving end.

C. Full-time, Regional Publications Procurement Office for Latin America. The Committee, recognizing the increasing importance of systematic coverage of Latin American publications procurement, urged and formally endorsed to the State Department the appointment of a full-time, regional Publications Procurement

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Officer for that area. The State Department is planning such a position in its Fiscal Year 1962 budget. In the meantime, concerted measures have been taken to stimulate procurement in Latin America through existing facilities. The Coordinator in the CIA Library Acquisitions Branch for this area, is being sent on a 90 day tour of selected posts in Latin America, beginning mid-June, 1961. This tour will follow up on matters initiated by similar action in the spring of 1960.

D. Graphics Procurement. In the absence of any coordinating mechanism, PROCIB recognized that graphic materials were in fact a special case of publications procurement. It therefore assumed coordination and procurement responsibilities in this area. During Fiscal Year 1961, over 200 Foreign Service personnel in the field were engaged in the graphics procurement program. Their efforts resulted in the procurement of about 40,000 photographs.

E. Use of Foreign Currencies Available Under Public Law 480. The 85th Congress amended Public Law 480 to permit the use of available foreign currencies for programs involving the procurement, processing, translation, etc. of foreign publications in certain countries. PROCIB has continued to work closely with the two agencies responsible for the program: the National Science Foundation and the Library of Congress. The former has translation programs underway in Israel and Poland. The Library of Congress has submitted budgets recently for procurement programs in India, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on PL 480 to the Librarian of Congress, of which the Chairman of PROCIB is a member.

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F. National Science Foundation. National Science Foundation representatives have participated actively in the work of the Committee by providing timely information which resulted in action on such items as visits to Sovbloc countries by U.S. scientists, international conferences, availability of publications in certain foreign scientific academies, symposia, and various exchange programs between the U.S. and foreign scientific institutions.

G. Field Trips. The Coordinator for the Near East and Africa in the CIA Library Acquisitions Branch was assigned 4 months temporary duty [REDACTED] to enable the regular Publications Procurement Officer there to make an extensive trip to procure publications from his area of responsibility. The assignment was part of the program to have as many area coordinators as possible gain field experience.

In March, 1961, the Curator of the CIA Historical Intelligence Collection, attended the Second International Conference on the History of Resistance in Milan, Italy. During the course of his travel in Western Europe, he is undertaking general book buying, with special emphasis on possible sources of Chinese Communist materials.

H. Cooperative Funding Projects for the Library of Congress Accessions Indexes. Funds were committed by the Atomic Energy Commission, Central Intelligence Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation to continue to finance during Fiscal Year 1961 the

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Library of Congress Russian and East European Accessions Indexes. During the past year certain changes had to be made in the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions to accommodate the rising production costs. Late in Fiscal Year 1961 the programs were being reviewed by the National Science Foundation and the Central Intelligence Agency to determine the size and scope of activities for Fiscal Year 1962. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has indicated it will not be able to support the program financially in Fiscal Year 1962.

I. Publications Procurement Officer Activities. The position of the Regional Publications Procurement Officer at New Delhi was dropped by the State Department in February with the endorsement of PROCIB. The small number of special or classified requirements justified the change. Routine publication procurement will be handled by a local employee under the supervision of the Geographic Attache. The areas of responsibility of the several Regional Publications Procurement Officers were defined by the State Department in an instruction to all posts. Most of the Regional Publications Procurement Officers have made survey trips for procurement of publications in their areas of responsibility.

III. MAJOR PROBLEMS

A. Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications. The embargo placed on the export of publications by the Chinese Communists in October, 1959, continues to remain in effect. In spite of the fact that all sources available to PROCIB participating agencies, both overt and covert, have been mobilized to ensure the

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best possible coverage for the procurement of Chinese Communist publications, receipts have dropped as follows:

Summary of Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Journals</u> | <u>Obtained Overtly</u> | <u>Obtained via Covert Channels</u> | <u>Percent via Covert Channels</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 July 1959 | 375                    | 344                     | 31                                  | 8.2                                |
| 1 July 1960 | 277                    | 171                     | 106                                 | 38.2                               |
| 1 May 1961  | 55                     | 40                      | 15                                  | 27.3                               |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Newspapers</u> | <u>Obtained Overtly</u> | <u>Obtained via Covert Channels</u> | <u>Percent via Covert Channels</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 July 1959 | 68                       | 20                      | 48                                  | 70.5                               |
| 1 July 1960 | 57                       | 8                       | 49                                  | 86.0                               |
| 1 May 1961  | 37                       | 10                      | 27                                  | 72.9                               |

The Publications Procurement Officers at Hong Kong, Moscow, Berlin and Tokyo, in that order, have made significant contributions to the program. The

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At the request of the Chairman of the Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications Committee, assistance was requested of covert operations by PROCIB to procure critically needed Chinese Communist publications. A listing of essential titles was compiled to reflect the needs of both the Exploitation and the Procurement Committees, and forwarded for action.

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Owing to the serious water shortage in Hong Kong, a dry process Kalfax film copier was provided the U.S. Consulate General there, to increase its capabilities to photocopy Chinese Communist publications

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Special assistance is being provided for the orderly shipment of microfilm copies of the Chinese Communist newspapers, periodicals and clipping file of the Union Research Institute, Hong Kong, to the Midwest Inter-Library Center in Chicago. Continuing contact was maintained with the Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East, which has recently published a listing of the Chinese Communist journals held in major libraries of the U.S., Great Britain, Japan, and elsewhere.

B. Procurement of Cuban Publications. The cessation of U.S. -Cuban diplomatic relations necessitated extraordinary procurement action. All Latin American and other selected Foreign Service posts were asked to make special effort to procure available Cuban publications. As unique items were received, copies were made available to interested U.S. agencies, together with periodic lists of receipts.

C. Coordination of Procurement Programs by the Military Services.  
The Committee continued to face difficulty in coordinating procurement programs when it has only a sketchy knowledge of the military services' activities in this area. Overall presentations describing scope, magnitude and cost of the military service procurement programs would help coordination. Army made such a presentation at an executive session of PROCIB, and Navy offered its limited procurement facilities for field procurement requests which could not be satisfied in any other way.

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D. Intelligence Priorities Committee. The Army member had reported to PROCIB that results of ACSI requests to IPC over the past two years for procurement of items not available through regular channels, have been very disappointing. PROCIB itself has had a similar experience, having requested assistance in the procurement of the Chinese Communist Liberation Army News (Chieh-fang Chun Pao) over a year ago, with no success to date from this source.

E. Bulgarian Military Serial Publications. U.S. Embassy, Sofia, has been denied subscriptions to forty military and technical serial titles for 1961. Alternate sources are being explored.

F. Russian Book List. To report the books procured and the expenditures incurred for the items through the Moscow Single Fund program, a Russian Book List is being prepared regularly and issued to participants in the program. The great increase in volume of book receipts from Moscow requires that the need for the Russian Book List be carefully reviewed. Preparation of the List necessitates the use of more manpower than can be afforded.

#### IV. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The Committee will:

- A. Continue to take vigorous action on special problems such as those associated with the procurement of Chinese Communist and Cuban publications;
- B. Anticipate and keep current on any major developments in the availability of publications world-wide;

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C. Ensure that all facilities available to the U.S. Government, whether overt or covert, are brought into play on the procurement of publications urgently needed;

D. Participate in major symposia, or meetings involving the acquisition and availability of foreign publications, which have a direct relationship to PROCIB;

E. Recommend to the State Department that the biennial conference of Publications Procurement Officers be held during Fiscal Year 1962, and further recommend that the military services and other pertinent publication procurement activities send representatives;

F. Continue to meet with collectors, both in the field and on their home leave;

G. Ensure that as many publications as possible are turned over to our national libraries so that the U.S. scholarly world has them more readily available to assist the intelligence community in the appraisal of foreign science and technology;

H. Act in an advisory capacity to academic institutions in the U.S. requesting procurement information that can be made available; and

I. Coordinate activities with those of the USIB Committees on Documentation, and Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications.

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